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DIARY NOTES

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1. I met with Mr. Samuelson of the General Accounting Office to explore the possibility of expanding the GAO audit activities in CIA. It was clear that GAO would expect to audit unvouchered as well as vouchered funds. (See Memorandum of Conversation dated 23 July 1959.) H

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2. [REDACTED] of the Technical Services Staff handcarried a paper for my concurrence which would indemnify the ordinance against claims arising out of activities which they may undertake strictly on our behalf. I turned this over to Larry Houston for further checking.

3. At the Deputies' Meeting:

a. The Director again discussed the question of overseas telephone calls and emphasized that the Deputy Directors must accept the responsibility for this even though they might redelegate such authority to Division Chiefs. He also concurred in my suggestion that overseas telephone calls made by non-Clandestine Services personnel should be coordinated with the area division concerned.

b. The Director stated that Mr. Campbell, the Comptroller General, had telephoned him about certain contracts involving Dick Bissell's projects and he asked me to get in touch with Mr. Powers to find out just what it was he wanted. He cautioned me that it was a delicate matter inasmuch as it really involved the very controversial question of the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Government.

c. I reported on my conversation with Bob Macy, Bureau of the Budget, concerning a proposal that the Department of State take over the responsibility for handling all exiles and refugees who require aid from the United States Government. The Director approved of this idea wholeheartedly. However, we all recognized that there would be certain personnel in whom we had an operational interest that could not fall into this category.

4. I conducted a meeting with the Building Planning Staff, the Liaison Officers and others to discuss the Cornerstone Ceremony for the new building. (BPS is preparing a Memorandum For The Record of this meeting.) H

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5. [REDACTED] were up to report on Rex' investigation of the [REDACTED] and his exploration of the [REDACTED] with regard to the possibility of the [REDACTED] janitorial facilities at [REDACTED]. Rex reported that the manager is most attractive and appears to be most capable; however, his partner and, as I understand it, common-law wife is extremely unattractive. There is, therefore, a serious question as to whether or not we would want to negotiate a contract with this partnership. However, I authorized them to request Security to make a check on the manager and his partner so that we could consider the matter further. With regard to

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] with the assistance of one of Jim Garrison's contracting officers, should settle this account. I emphasized that I had no special relationship with [REDACTED] which made it necessary to handle this matter other than routinely. I also instructed them to have

25X1A9a [REDACTED] write a letter to Bob telling him that we wished to defer indefinitely the 25X1A5a2 further explorations [REDACTED]

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